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9 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

10 No. PR 06-0544

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12 IN RE PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT
13 TO THE STATE BAR OF MONTANA

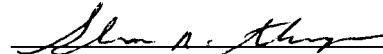
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15 } **ODC'S SECOND STATUS REPORT**
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17 Pursuant to the Court's Order dated January 12, 2009, Disciplinary Counsel
18 provides the following status report.

19 On January 21, 2010, a Review Panel of the Commission on Practice
20 requested that the Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") file a formal complaint
21 against Chris J. Nelson for alleged violations of Rules 5.5 and 3.4, MRPC. Nelson
22 is represented in the disciplinary matter (ODC File No. 09-194) by attorney Robert
23 L. Stephens, Jr.
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1 Nelson, via his counsel, has expressed interest in submitting a Rule 26
2 conditional admission prior to the filing of a formal complaint. On January 26,
3 2010, the undersigned sent a letter to Nelson's counsel requesting additional
4 information prior to determining what terms a proposed conditional admission
5 needed to include in order for ODC to recommend its acceptance. On February 22,
6 2010, the undersigned sent Nelson's counsel a letter informing him that if a
7 response to ODC's letter was not received on or before March 5, 2010, a formal
8 complaint would be filed. On February 25, 2010, Nelson's counsel advised the
9 undersigned that Nelson would be providing ODC with the requested information
10 on or before March 5, 2010.
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13 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of February, 2010.
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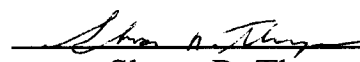
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18 Shaun R. Thompson
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 26th day of February, 2010, I served a copy of the foregoing document on the following persons by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid to:

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